

Autumn Olive Education Project House File 366

Last Action:

**House Natural
Resources Committee**

February 7, 2007

Executive Summary Only

An Act appropriating moneys to the department of natural resources for purposes of conducting an autumn olive cooperative management project.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

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AUTUMN OLIVE COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

- Creates an Autumn Olive Cooperative Management Project that is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for FY 2008.
- Implements pilot projects in Independence Township in Appanoose County and Wright Township in Wayne County to control the spread of Autumn Olive, a deciduous shrub that is classified as an invasive species.

COST-SHARE FUNDS

- Landowners can apply for cost-share funds to implement management practices that control the spread of Autumn Olive plants. The funds will be awarded by the DNR after review of the landowner's written plan. Cost-share funds will be available for up to 90.0% of the estimated cost and the landowner will pay for the additional expense.

DNR ACTIVITIES

- The DNR will also provide:
 - Timetable for replacing Autumn Olive plants with native plants.
 - Work in cooperation with District Soil and Water Conservation Commissioners to encourage landowners to apply for federal funds.
 - Technical assistance with the development of management plans, approval of cost-share funds, and evaluate results.
 - Report their preliminary findings to the General Assembly on January 15, 2008, and provide a final report by January 15, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

- The Bill appropriates \$60,000 from the General Fund to the DNR. Based on expenditures related to the Project, the DNR estimates between 250 and 300 acres will be treated.
- Matching landowner cost-share funds are estimated at \$9,000.